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invention are homologs of the DP-178 and DP-107 peptides, peptides corresponding to amino acid residues 638 to 673, and to amino acid residues 558 to 595, respectively, of the HIV-1<sub>LAI</sub> transmembrane protein (TM) gp41.

REMARKS

Appellants assert that entry of the above amendment is proper in that the total effect of the amendment is to remove issues from appeal (M.P.E.P. § 1207, Sixth Ed., Rev. 3, July 1997). In particular, the original abstract of the application has been canceled, and replaced with a new abstract that accurately describes the claimed invention. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the file history of the instant application is respectfully requested.

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